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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

FITZ et al.

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For: FLAVOUR PRECURSORS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-6.

Please add new claims as follows:

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7. (New) Flavor precursor according to claim 2, wherein the precursor is O-ethyl-S-(2-furylmethyl)thiocarbonate.

8. (New) Flavor precursor according to claim 2, wherein the precursor is O-ethyl-S-(2-methyl-3-furyl)thiocarbonate.

9. (New) Flavor precursor according to claim 2, wherein the precursor is O-ethyl-S-(2,5-dimethyl-3-furyl)thiocarbonate.

10. (New) A foodstuff containing a flavour precursor according to claim 1 or 2.